What is claimed is:

1.   An announcement method for a portable terminal comprising an image-capturing section, the method comprising outputting a predetermined announcement sound when the portable terminal has been changed to a camera mode, which uses the image-capturing section.

2.   The announcement method for a portable terminal of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined announcement sound is output each time a fixed period of time has elapsed in the camera mode.

3.   The announcement method for a portable terminal of Claim 1, wherein the announcement sound is output from one of a speaker for announcing incoming-calls and an ear speaker.

4.   The announcement method for a portable terminal of Claim 1, wherein, in the camera mode, the announcement sound is not output while recording an image captured by the image-capturing section.

5.   The announcement method for a portable terminal of Claim 1, wherein the announcement sound is output only in a case where the luminance around the portable terminal is less than a predetermined brightness.

6.   The announcement method for a portable terminal of Claim 1, wherein the output level of the predetermined announcement sound is restricted to a fixed output level.

7.   An announcement method for a portable terminal comprising an image-capturing section, the method comprising outputting a predetermined announcement sound when an image-capture button has been pressed after the portable terminal has been changed to a camera mode, which uses the image-capturing section.

8.   The announcement method for a portable terminal of Claim 7, wherein the predetermined announcement sound, or an announcement sound notifying that an image has been captured, is output when the image-capturing button is fully pressed just after being half-pressed.

9.   A portable terminal comprising:

an image-capturing section;

a selecting section which selects a camera mode for using the image-capturing section;

a sounding body; and

a control section which outputs a predetermined announcement sound from the sounding body when it has been detected that the selecting section has selected the camera mode.

10.   The portable terminal of Claim 9, further comprising a timing section which measures time, wherein the timing section outputs a signal each time a fixed period of time elapses after it was detected that the selecting section has selected the camera mode, and wherein the control section causes the sounding body to output the predetermined announcement sound whenever the signal is output from the timing section.

11.   The portable terminal of Claim 9, wherein the sounding body comprises one of a speaker for announcing incoming-calls and an ear speaker.

12.   The portable terminal of Claim 9, further comprising a recording section which records an image input via the image-capturing section, wherein the control section judges whether the recording section is recording an image, and controls the sounding body so as not to output the predetermined announcement sound while the recording section is recording.

13.   The portable terminal of Claim 9, further comprising a measuring section for

measuring the luminance of surrounding light, wherein the control section allows the sounding body to output the predetermined announcement sound only when the measuring section has measured light of less than a predetermined luminance.

14.   The portable terminal of Claim 9, wherein the control section restricts the output level of the predetermined announcement sound to a fixed output level.

15.   A portable terminal comprising:

an image-capturing section;

a selecting section which selects a camera mode for using the image-capturing section;

a sounding body;

an image-capturing button for operating image-capturing;

a control section which outputs a predetermined announcement sound from the sounding body when it has detected that the image-capturing button has been pressed, after it has detected that the selecting section has selected the camera mode.

16.   The portable terminal of Claim 15, wherein the control section outputs the predetermined announcement sound, or an announcement sound notifying that an image has been captured, from the sounding body when the image-capturing button is fully pressed just after being half-pressed.